

**Re Box V.**

1. In the present report, reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: US-A-5 123 809 (ITO MOTOYA) 23 June 1992 (1992-06-23)
- D2: EP-A-0 994 259 (MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP) 19 April 2000 (2000-04-19)
- D3: DE 31 30 288 A (BOSCH GMBH ROBERT) 17 February 1983 (1983-02-17)
- D4: DE 24 05 112 A (WILHELM DICKOW PUMPENFABRIK OH) 7 August 1975 (1975-08-07)
- D5: US-A-1 768 313 (FERGUSON G.L.) 24 June 1930 (1930-06-24)

2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel under PCT Article 33 (2).

2.2 Document D1 discloses a fuel feed unit having a fuel pump which is driven by an electric motor, and having a rotor arranged between two housing parts, the rotor being fastened in a rotationally fixed manner to a shaft of the electric motor, at least one of the housing parts having an expansion joint.

2.3 In addition, documents D2 to D5 also disclose all the features of claim 1.

3. The feature combination contained in dependent claim 2 is neither known nor suggested from the available prior art.

4. Dependent claims 3 – 10 contain no features which, when combined with the features of any claim to which they refer back, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.